



Presbyterian Mission Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries

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Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

We're all praying for you and your congregations during this pandemic and wanted to make sure that you're aware of the funding opportunities that are available during this COVID-19 virus that is taking whole of our nation.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has several emergency grants available to assist congregations and its members. We in Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries are committed to making sure that this information is being shared with our African Americans and communities of color.

Attached to this email you'll find helpful information and grant applications about COVID-19. You can also click on the link <https://www.pcusa.org/covid19/> and get more information. These grants are based on a first come first serve basis, **so we strongly recommend that you apply immediately.**

Basically, there are two kinds of grants offered by the PDA – Emergency Grant and Short/Long-Term Recovery Grant. The agents of these two grants are the PDA and Presbyteries. Local congregation must contact their presbyteries for the application submission.

Emergency Grant:

Amount: \$400k of original plus \$300k of Matthew 25 Grants (Total \$700k)

Due date: April 30 as long as funds available

The Emergency Grant is to provide the urgent and necessary support such as food, medicine and housing to the congregations and their members. For example, if anyone including the pastors of the PCUSA congregations cannot afford food or medicine, the PDA is willing to support as much as they can. In such cases, the church should provide the detailed information to their presbytery, so the presbytery submit the application to the PDA. The PDA originally allocated \$400k, but the Executive Director's office of the PMA added another \$300k to this grant. The due date is April 30 as long as the fund is available.

Short/Long-Term Recovery Grant:

Amount: \$1.1 million

Due date: anytime from now thru April 30, and review/approval begins right after May 1.

The Short/Long-term Recovery grant is to provide the PCUSA congregations who have specific plans to recover from current trouble. For example, if a congregation plans to provide job training programs to its members who can't go back to their prior employment because of the COVID-19, then the congregation should have their presbytery submit the application with a specific plan of the training. The PDA allocated \$1.1 million to this grant. I believe the application can be submitted until April 30, and the review process begins immediately after May 1.

Katie Canon Scholarship and Women's Ministries Leadership Grants

In Women's Leadership Development Office, there is the Katie Cannon Scholarship grant to assist with educational and professional development opportunities up to \$1,500 (deadline July 30) and a new one-time grant for up to \$3,000 called the Women's Ministries Leadership Grant will consider mission



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programs/projects that relate to Rites of passage for girls transitioning into adulthood, assisting survivors of domestic abuse, human trafficking, or homelessness, ministries supporting LGBTQIA+ individuals and/or communities and leadership development and training for vocations in the church. You can download the grant application from <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/wld-ywm/> and submit a proposal and application no later than July 31, 2020.

On behalf of the Director and staff in Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries, may we find strength, endurance and courage in one another, and let us continue to lift one another up in prayer.

Grace and Peace,

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“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place” Acts 2:1



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